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## Ben Schapiro: From the Director's Desk

Part of the Library's mission is to work closely with local schools to give our children the best possible opportunities to discover and learn. But, the Library's mission goes beyond just helping school-aged children and young adults. Our mission is applicable to every age, and every resident.

**Live Homework Help®** is now available to every Morton Grove Public Library cardholder, from Tutor.com. Live Homework Help is an innovative online after-school program that connects students and adults with expert tutors for

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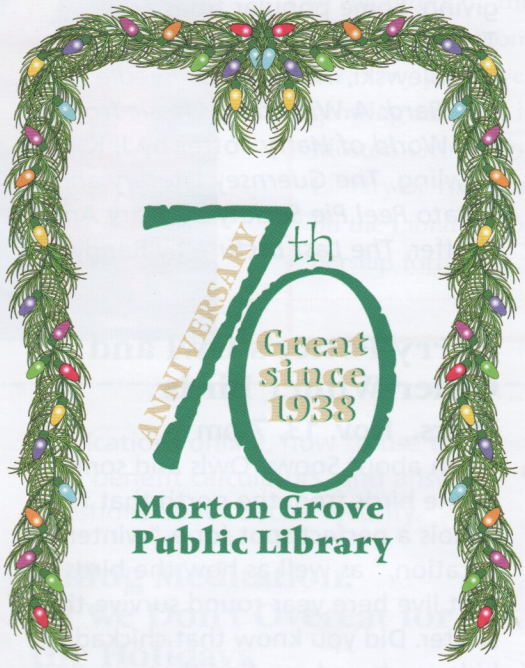
## Tuffi Chamber Orchestra

**Sun., Dec. 7, 2 pm**

The twelve-member Tuffi Chamber Orchestra and saxophone soloist Ashu, conducted by Anatol Lysenka and Phillip Simmons, perform a holiday concert of classical music. Festive refreshments will be served.




## Happy Holidays from the Board and Staff of the Morton Grove Public Library!

2008 has been a year of many changes and of special events as the Library celebrated its 70th anniversary. Many thanks to the volunteers who help with the many day-to-day tasks that keep the Library running smoothly. Thank you to the individuals and businesses who have donated money and books for the collection and prizes and refreshments for special events. Most of all, thank you to our Library users who read books and magazines, attend programs and classes, listen to recordings and videos, use computers, and search for information.

**Best wishes to you and yours for 2009!**

## Wireless Networking: How It All Works

**Junior Science Café: for Ages 10-18**

**Sat., Nov. 8, 1-3 pm**

Coffee shops, airports, libraries, and universities – WiFi is everywhere, making it easier for people to log in without cables or connectors. But how do wireless networks work and what really happens when you sign on? Join us for an interactive discussion with Udayan Das from the Illinois Institute of Technology about the science and technology behind the megabytes, routers and more that keep us connected wherever we are. This program is co-sponsored by the Science Chicago initiative. A light lunch will be served; registration is required: call 847-929-5102.

## Concert: Nightclub in the Afternoon

**Sun., Nov. 16, 2 pm**

The incomparable Mary Anne Riehl and her talented ensemble of musicians perform old favorites and popular tunes that will set your toes to tapping and your fingers snapping.

# CALENDAR

**Youth Services Classes**
Fall Session will run Sept. 30 – Nov. 20. Registration is required for the following classes. Winter Session will run Jan. 6 – Feb. 26, 2009; registration will begin Nov. 17.

**Library Playtime**
2-Year-Olds & Parents or Caregivers
Thurs., 10:30 am
Class limit 12 children, 12 parents

**Preschool Storytime**
NOTE: NEW SCHEDULE!
Ages 3 – Kindergarten
Wed., 10:30 am or 1 pm
Class limit – 30

**Stories & Stuff**
Grade K, 1, and 2; Tues., 6:30 pm
Class limit – 12

## DROP-IN CLASSES

**Monday morning playgroup**
10:30-11:30 am
Tots of all ages and their parents or caregivers can gather at the Youth Services Activity Room to meet new friends, play, and have lots of fun.

**Knitting Club**
Mondays, 4-5 pm
No registration required. Bring a project or learn a new one. Ages 6 and up.

**Listen Up!**
Tuesdays at 10 am. Drop-in storytime for preschool children and their caregivers. Children hear stories and songs, interact in a group and do a craft.

**Wee Read Lapsit Program**
For ages 0-24 months. Hear songs and stories and enjoy playtime every Friday at 11 am.

**NEW DATE: Family Chess**
First Tuesday, 4-5:30 pm
Beginners and experienced players of ALL ages are welcome.

**Drama Club**
Friday, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5, 4-5 pm
Ages 6-12. Learn to love acting and meet new friends with fun-filled activities.

**Crafty Saturday**
Nov. 8, 10 am – 4 pm while supplies last. Drop in to the YS Dept. to make a seasonal craft. (Note: see 12/13 event for Dec. craft.)

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## Thank You for Game Donations

Youth Services patrons are thrilled with the new selection of games! Many thanks to the following for donating new board games to the Youth Services Department; Sarah and Natalie Bock; the Buffo Family; Brian, Lian and the Fong Family; Murphy and Lucy Glenn; Sarah Harrison; Rishi, Dhara and the Patel Family; the Skoufos Family; and the Zawrazky Family. If you would like to donate a board game(s) to the Youth Services Department, please stop in or call 847-929-5102. A game donation in the name of another makes a great holiday gift!

## NEW! Monday Morning Playgroup

**10:30-11:30 am**
Tots of all ages and their parents or caretakers can gather in the Youth Services Activity Room to meet new friends, play and have lots of fun. We provide the space, crayons, toys and books. Your child will meet other children from all over Morton Grove and beyond. If you are already in a playgroup, why not gather at the Library?

## Graffiti Sunday

**Sun., Nov. 2, and Dec. 7**
**Drop-in 1:30-4:30 pm at the Youth Services Department bulletin board**
This group project will teach the fine art of graffiti art as families help decorate the YS bulletin board in a BIG way! For November, favorite book titles will be highlighted, and December will feature international designs.

Mark your calendars for the start of the Winter Reading Programs: separate programs for school age K-grade 6 and birth-preschool.

In partnership with the Chicago Wolves' Read to Succeed program, the Library's program will begin the week of January 5th. Watch for details in the January/February *Books & Beyond* and in flyers.

## Read to Lucy – A Delta Society Companion Dog

**Wednesdays, Nov. 5 – 26, 6-7 pm**

Children in grades 1-3 are invited to discover the joy of reading out loud and improve their confidence by sharing stories with a trained therapy dog. Each reader will have 10 minutes of Lucy's attention. Children may bring their own book or choose one from the Library. Call the YS Dept, at 847-929-5102 to book your time.

## The Birds and the Bees of Money Talk: How to Teach Your Children about Money

**Sat., Nov. 8, 2 pm**
Angel Beltran from MB Financial Bank will serve up some coffee and donuts along with great financial advice and ideas about how to talk to your children about money. How to save, invest, spend and avoid debt are important concepts to teach children; Mr. Beltran will give parents ideas on financial skills they can build with their children to better prepare them for their future. Registration is required. Children can make a craft during Crafty Saturday while parents attend the program. Call 847-929-5102 to register.

## Kids Flicks

*Kung Fu Panda* **(2008, PG, 88 min)**
**Fri., Nov. 14, 4 pm**

*Wall-E* **(2008, G, 98 min)**
**Fri., Nov. 28, 2 pm &**
**Sat., Dec. 27, 2:30 pm**

*Horton Hears a Who* **(2008, G, 87 min.)**
**Fri., Dec. 12, 4 pm**

**To be announced; call 847-929-5102.**
**Dec. 26, 2 pm**

## Fall Voice and Piano Concert

***Rescheduled from 9/14***

**Sun., Nov. 9, 2 pm**

Talented local children will be singing and playing a wonderful combination of pop, jazz, blues, classical, and Broadway show tunes. Students of Pamela Harmon, vocal and piano instructor, will perform.

## Paint a Picture Workshop

**Thurs., Nov. 13, 6:30 pm**

**Ages 6-12**

This fun art experience will allow your children to use their creative muscles to make a masterpiece of their very own. They will be given the option to draw a portrait, still life or fantasy picture using paint or a multi-media option. Registration is required; limit 20 children.

## Roberts Marionettes Presents: *A Secret Garden*

**Sat., Nov. 15, 2 pm**

Based on the book *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett, this production features an original style of puppetry called Bunraku and theatrical storytelling. The story takes place in Victorian England where Mary, an orphan, saves her cousin and uncle from their desolate existence while restoring the neglected garden.

## CSI: Creative Science Investigators Grades 2-6

**Sun., Nov. 2 and Dec. 7, 2 pm**

Join YS staff member Robina Button for Creative Science Investigators. The new classes will include experiments that teach you how to go green, make rocket launchers, extinguish candles without blowing and much more science fun. Class size 20. Registration required; call 847-929-5102.

## Family Reading Night Party Featuring: Imagination Theatre's Read All About It

**Thurs., Nov. 20, 6:30 pm**

Come to the Library to celebrate Illinois Family Reading night. The whole family can gather in the Youth Services Department for an inspiring theatrical performance about a young basketball player, Billy Bundren, who goes on an adventure and discovers the importance of books in his life. After the performance, the children can explore the Library and gather books to take home and explore. Refreshments will be served, including a birthday cake in honor of the Library's 70th birthday.

## Make a Decorative Desk Organizer

**Fri., Nov. 21, 4-5:30 pm**

**Grades 3-6. Registration required; call 847-929-5102.** Get organized in a green way by recycling your old cereal boxes into a decorative desk organizer. Bring in at least two empty cereal boxes and a roll of wrapping paper and we will show you how to turn these recycled items into a useful way to organize your schoolwork and personal "stuff."

## Moovin' and Groovin' for ages 2-4

**Note: Now first Saturdays.**

**Sat., Nov. 1, and Dec. 6; 10 am**

Do you have a toddler who likes to dance? Come join the YS staff in this fun, physical activity class that includes music, dancing, marching, musical instruments, parachute games and creative movement. Class size 12. Registration required; call 847-929-5102.

## The Unseen World Junior Science Café: For grades 1-6

**Sat., Dec. 13, 1-3 pm**

We are used to seeing the world around us with our eyes alone, but what about the living world we can't see? Join us for this afternoon workshop where Stephanie Levi from the University of Chicago will guide us in an exploration of the unseen world with microscopes, and write a story about what we see. Take home a list of resources to become your own microscopist. This program is a joint venture with the Science Chicago initiative. A light lunch will be served; registration is required: call 847-929-5102.

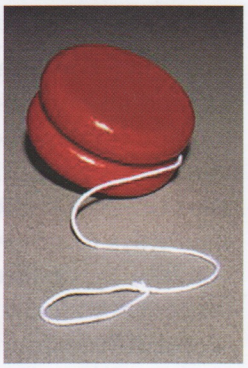
## Suzuki Holiday Concert

**Sun., Dec. 21, 2 pm**

Suzuki method violin and viola students of Rhona Reagan will present their holiday concert extravaganza for everyone's enjoyment. Suzuki string students, ranging in age from 5 to 16 years old, will present a concert full of festive piano-accompanied holiday music.

## Yo-Yo Man Barry North

**Mon., Dec. 29, 2 pm**



Yo-yo master Barry North will entertain and amaze the whole family with his championship yo-yo tricks. The Yo-Yo Man will perform tricks such as "skin the cat," "the pit stop," and a real jaw dropper where he will swing two yo-yos at once forwards and backwards. North, who won the world championship by swinging the yo-yo a record-breaking 287 times with inside loops, will also teach the audience a few tricks. Special yo-yos will be given out to the first hundred children attending the show.

## Exhibits

**Baxter Room**

David Jennings exhibits nature and scenic landscape photography November 1-31.

Gabriela Duffy's black and white photography "Remembrance of Things Past" will be displayed December 1-31.

## Holiday Craft Time with the Morton Grove Historical Museum

**Sat, Dec. 13, 2 pm**

Join Morton Grove Historical Museum Curator Mary Busch for some holiday crafting, fun and history. Your whole family can join in and make paper chains in the shapes of dolls, stars, and snowmen. There will also be a special decoration to craft based on the "Bluebird of Happiness." Create beautiful decorations that can be used to decorate doorways, windows, or even a tree.

## Wired Teen Zone

**Registration is required for all the programs listed below. Please call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.**

**Teen Library Council (TLC)**
Tues., Nov. 18, 5 pm
Tues., Dec. 16, 5 pm
Join TLC to meet new friends, get involved in fun activities, tell us what you want to see at the Library, and earn volunteer service hours in the process!

**Getting' Saucy Teen Cooking Class**
Mon., Nov. 3, 7 pm
Mon., Dec. 1, 7 pm
Join us in November to learn how to make different flavors of bubble tea and an Asian cuisine to go with it. Then in December, come and join us to make various soups including pasta fagioli.

**Beads for Teens and Chainmaille Jewelry**
Sat., Nov. 15, 3 pm
Sat., Dec. 20, 3 pm
Earrings, bracelets, necklaces, book thongs... come to the Library and make gifts for yourself, your friends and family. Supplies and instruction will be provided.

**College Essay Writing Workshop**
Thurs. Nov. 6, 7-8 pm
Judy Alexander, teacher and counselor at St. Scholastica, will give you tips and ideas on how to make your college application essay stand out. Limit 20.

**Babysitting Basics: A Two-part Workshop**
Wed., Nov. 5, 3:45-4:45 pm
Thu., Nov. 6, 3:45-4:45 pm
Captain Bill Porter from the Morton Grove Fire Dept. and an officer from the Morton Grove Police Dept. conduct this workshop for students age 12 and over. Registration is limited to 15. Morton Grove residents have priority; non-residents may sign up and will be notified if there is space available.

### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

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help in all core academic subjects. Expanding one-to-one online tutoring and homework help to more students is a natural next step for the library as we continue to find new ways to serve everyone in the community. Children are using the computer to learn and explore their world, just as adults turn to technology to help them with everything from GED preparation to résumé writing.

Adults have always come to the library for assistance with research, earning their GED and other Adult Continuing Education support – as well as grammar help with their résumé or work-related writing. Now you may connect to a live expert online, either on the Library's computers, or from the privacy of your computer at home.

To get homework help, click on the Live Homework Help icon on the library's home page, www.webrary.org, (Morton Grove Library card holders only), then select a grade level from K – 12, College Intro, or Adult Learner, and pick from one of 12 subjects. You will then enter an Online Classroom where a certified subject expert tutor will work with you in a chat window, on a drawing board, and through websites and file sharing (Word, Excel, PDF formats). The service is available from 2 to 9 pm daily in English and Spanish.

I want to stress that this is not just for students in a formal education program. The Adult Learner selection supports those preparing to take the GED test, taking adult education courses, seeking grammar help with their résumé or a work-related project, and more. Adult Learner level includes the following subjects: English, English – Writing Center, Algebra, Algebra II, Calculus, Geometry, Trigonometry, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics and Social Studies.

The Morton Grove Public Library is launching a "READ" poster campaign this fall and will feature patrons throughout the year. The Library views this campaign as an opportunity to celebrate reading, the environment, and the community by promoting Life Long Learners!

# MOVIES BY THE MONTH

*NEW!* You asked for it; we've got it! **Reel Conversations,** discussions about the films, will follow screenings of selected movies.

## NOVEMBER

***The Marines*** **(2007, NR, 90 min.)**
**Tues., Nov. 4, 11:30 am**
This documentary is about the United States Marine Corps, a military force which embodies fierce patriotism and innovative weapons.

***The Band's Visit*** **(2007, PG-13, 89 min., Hebrew, Arabic with English subtitles)**
**Thurs., Nov. 6, 2 and 7 pm**
***Reel Conversation*** **to follow the film**
This cross-cultural comedy is about an Egyptian band left stranded in a desolate Israeli town. Cast: Ronit Elkabetz, Sasson Gabai, Khalifa Natour.

***Das Boot: Director's Cut***
**(1982, NR, 209 min., German with English subtitles)**
**Mon., Nov. 10, 2 pm**
Widely considered to be one of the finest German films ever made, *Das Boot* is a realistic portrayal of conditions aboard a German submarine during WW II. Cast: Jurgen Prochnow, Herbert Gronemeyer, Klaus Wennemann.

***Flags of Our Fathers*** **(2007, R, 132 min.)**
**Tues., Nov. 11, 11:30**
In honor of Veterans Day, this award winning film is about the raising of the American flag at the Battle of Iwo Jima. Cast: Ryan Phillippe, Jesse Bradford, Adam Beach, Harve Presnell.

***The Breakfast Club*** **(1985, R, 97 min.)**
**Thurs., Nov. 13, 2 pm**
***Reel Conversation*** **to follow the film**
This film is considered one of the best of the 1980s and was filmed at Maine North and Glenbrook North High Schools. It tells the story of five students spending detention together in their high school library. Cast: Emilio Estevez, Paul Gleason, Anthony M. Hall, Judd Nelson, Molly Ringwald.

***Turtles Can Fly*** **(2005, PG-13, 98 min., Kurdish with English subtitles)**
**Tues., Nov. 18, 11:30 am**
Soran is a 13-year-old boy who organizes work projects for orphans to help him install antennae for villagers who want to hear televised reports of Saddam's fall. Cast: Soran Ebrahim, Hiresh Rahman, Avaz Latif.

***Do the Right Thing*** **(1989, R, 120 min.)**
**Wed., Nov. 19, 7 pm**
Spike Lee's portrait of urban racial tensions in Brooklyn was nominated for an Oscar. Cast: Danny Aiello, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Spike Lee.

***Iron Man*** **(2008, PG-13, 126 min.)**
**Thu., Nov. 20, 2 & 7 pm**
Billed as the ultimate adventure movie, *Iron Man* tells the story of a wealthy industrialist who escapes from enemy territory and goes on to save the world. Cast: Robert Downey, Jeff Bridges, Gwyneth Paltrow.

***Pretty in Pink*** **(1986, PG-13, 96 min.)**
**Fri., Nov. 21, 2 pm**
***Reel Conversation*** **to follow the film**
A wealthy heart-throb asks a high school girl from the wrong side of town to the prom. Cast: Molly Ringwald, Harry Dean Stanton, Jon Cryer, Anne Potts.

***Bella*** **(2008, PG-13, 91 min.)**
**Sat., Nov. 22, 2 pm**
***Reel Conversation*** **to follow the film**
Based on the true story of a soccer star on his way to sign a multi-million dollar contract, a waitress struggling to survive and the life-changing events that bring them together. Cast: Tammy Blanchard, Eduardo Verastegui.

***Wall-E*** **(2008, G, 98 min., Animated)**
**Fri., Nov. 28, 2 pm**
A lonely waste management robot with only a cockroach for a friend finds true love with a robot sent on a mission to Earth to see if it is safe for human life. Voices: Ben Burtt, Elissa Knight, Jeff Garlin, John Ratzenberger.

## DECEMBER

***Miss Pettigrew Lives for A Day***
**(2008, PG-13, 92 min.)**
**Sat., Dec. 6, 2 pm**
Guinevere Pettigrew is a middle-aged governess who has lost her job and then finds a new position as social secretary for an American actress and singer. Cast: Frances McDormand, Amy Adams, Lee Pace.

***Fargo*** **(1996, R, 98 min.)**
**Wed., Dec. 10, 7 pm**
***Reel Conversation*** **to follow the film**
Ethan and Joel Coen's film tells the story of a policewoman who investigates a series of brutal interconnected crimes. Cast: Frances McDormand, William Macy, Steve Buscemi, Harve Presnell.

***Baby Mama*** **(2008, PG-13, 99 min.)**
**Thurs., Dec. 11, 2 pm**
Kate, a single, successful career woman, wants a baby but she gets more than she bargained for when she hires Angie to be her surrogate mother. Cast: Tina Fey, Sigourney Weaver, Amy Poehler.

***Caramel*** **(2008, PG-13, 98 min., Arabic with English subtitles)**
**Sun., Dec. 14, 2 pm**
***Reel Conversation*** **to follow the film**
This delightful comedy follows the inter-related stories of several generations of women who meet and work at a Beirut beauty salon. Cast: Nadine Labaki, Yasmine al Masri, Joanna Moukarazel.

***Made of Honor*** **(2008, PG-13, 101 min.)**
**Thu., Dec. 18, 2 & 7 pm**
Hannah asks her best friend, Tom, to be her maid of honor, and he realizes he is in love with her. Cast: Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan, Kadeem Hardison.

***Young at Heart*** **(2008, PG, 108 min.)**
**Fri., Dec. 19, 2 pm**
The Young at Heart Chorus, whose membership averages age 81, is in rehearsal for a performance in their hometown and must deal with health problems and heart-breaking events. Cast: Young at Heart Chorus.

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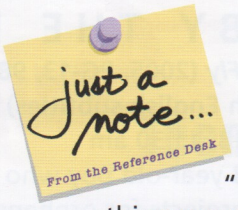


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Thursday, Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, Dec. 24 & Thursday, Dec. 25 for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Wednesday, Dec. 31: early closing at 5 pm, for New Year's Eve
Thursday, Jan. 1: New Year's Day

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